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Green Bay Packer players visiting Wisconsin National Guard Challenge Academy

Note to editors and news directors: Several Green Bay Packer players and staff will visit the Wisconsin National Guard Challenge Academy, Fort McCoy, Tuesday, Sept. 23, at approximately 10 a.m. Players scheduled to visit include Craig Nall, Cleditus Hunt, Mike Wahle, and Marcus Wilkins. The agenda includes a facility tour and a motivational presentation to the cadets and staff.

The Challenge Academy is a Wisconsin National Guard program to re-shape the lives of 16-to-18-year-olds who are at risk as they enter adulthood. The program uses a structured, military-style environment to build cadets' self-confidence, leadership skills, and personal discipline. The curriculum also includes a career skills and exploration program, health and drug abuse awareness, leadership, discipline and physical fitness.

Twenty-eight states offer similar programs nationwide. More than 30,000 teens have successfully completed National Guard youth programs since 1993. More than 90 percent of cadets who finish the program receive their high school equivalency diploma (HSED), and more than 80 percent stay out of trouble with the law. This event is not open to the public. To gain access to Fort McCoy and cover the event please contact Mary DeWitt, (608) 269-9000.

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